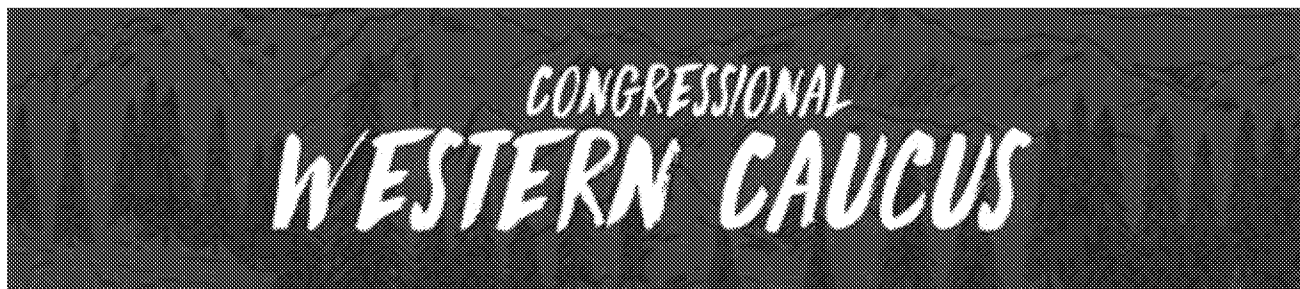


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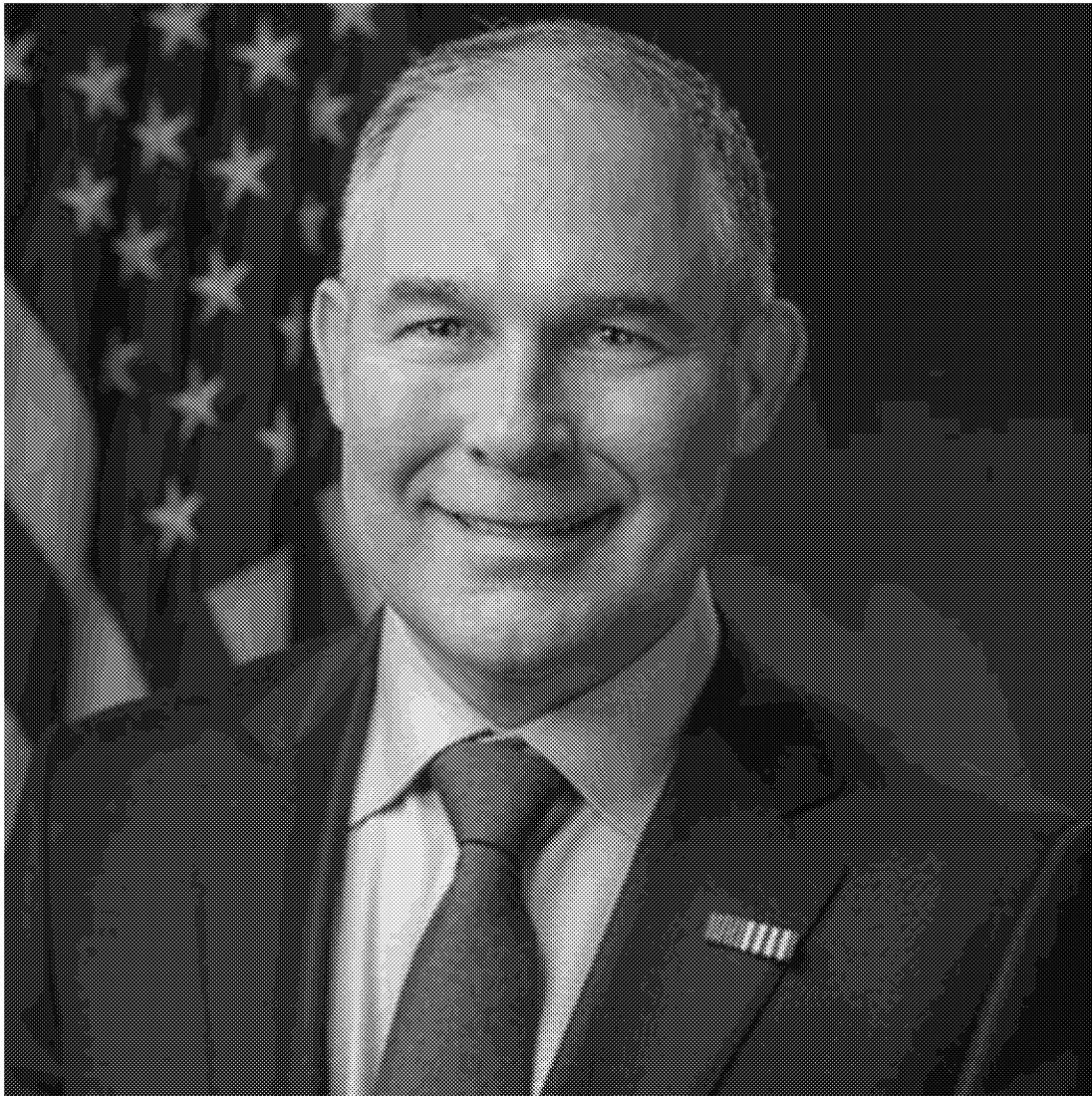
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## Members of the Western Caucus Support Administrator Pruitt



**WASHINGTON, D.C. –** Today, Congressional Western Caucus Chairman **Paul A. Gosar D.D.S. (AZ-04)**, House Science, Space, and Technology Committee Chairman **Lamar Smith (TX-21)**, House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Chairman **Ken Calvert (CA-42)**, and Western Caucus Members **Doug LaMalfa (CA-01)**, **Louie Gohmert (TX-01)**, and **Markwayne Mullin (OK-02)** issued the following statements in support of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt:

**Congressman Gosar** stated, “EPA Administrator Pruitt has proven himself one of the most effective Cabinet Members in the Trump Administration. His track record on energy, the environment, deregulation, the rule of law and science-based decision-making is exceptional. Because he is an important part of the ‘Make America Great Again’ agenda, it should come as no surprise that a lynch mob of opportunistic politicians and certain members of the media are doing everything they can to attempt to remove him from office. The job of a successful agency head should not be called into question due solely to allegations from political opponents when important underlying facts remain unknown. I stand with EPA Administrator Pruitt and am grateful for everything he has done for the American people to get our economy going again.”

“Administrator Pruitt has served America exceptionally well during his first year in office. He has implemented President Trump’s America First policies, rolled back burdensome and unnecessary regulations, increased the independence of agency advisory boards, and is working toward

making the agency's rulemaking process more open to the American people," said **Congressman Smith**. "Scott Pruitt has returned the EPA's focus to its rightful place – on ensuring clean air and water for all Americans through policies that are based on good science, not science fiction. I thank him for his work thus far, and I anticipate many more achievements from the EPA with Administrator Pruitt at the helm."

"Keeping our air and water clean with balanced and careful policies is a challenging task. I know EPA Administrator Pruitt and the Administration are working every day to achieve these important goals," stated **Congressman Calvert**.

"It's no surprise that many Democrats and left-leaning members of the media would like to see EPA Administrator Pruitt gone - that's because he's good at his job. His commitment to slashing unnecessary regulations and cleaning up the agency while simultaneously boasting a strong track record on energy and the environment is impressive, and it has made him one of the most effective members of the President's cabinet. The allegations against Administrator Pruitt leave a lot of questions unanswered, and it should not cost him his job - especially when far more serious allegations against former administrators were largely brushed aside. I stand with many of my colleagues in support of Administrator Pruitt," said **Congressman LaMalfa**.

**Congressman Gohmert** said, "Scott Pruitt is one of President Trump's most effective cabinet members. He has been uniquely effective in rolling back onerous regulations that are strangling our American economy and dramatically killing jobs. We all want and are getting cleaner air and water, but when red tape kills jobs and puts Americans in poverty for no discernible difference, we need Scott Pruitt. Not only has he blessed our economy and jobs in general, minorities' unemployment is at an all time historical low. It is no wonder the left is attempting to take him out, because he is doing far too much to help Americans in a Republican administration."

"As the head of the EPA, Administrator Pruitt is responsible for rolling back dozens of job-killing regulations put in place over the 8 years of the Obama Administration. By returning the EPA to its rightful role, Administration Pruitt's policies have significantly reduced regulatory costs for taxpayers and given farmers, ranchers, and small business owners a chance to thrive again. I support EPA Administrator Pruitt and the good work he will continue to do to bring regulatory relief to all Americans," concluded **Congressman Mullin**.

### **Background:**

Today, Members of the Western Caucus issued statements in support of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt, rejecting calls from opportunistic politicians and some members of the media for President Trump to remove the Administrator from office.

Scott Pruitt is the 14<sup>th</sup> Administrator of the EPA. During his short tenure, EPA Administrator Pruitt has established a strong track record on energy, environment, deregulation, the rule of law and science-based decision-making. He has also taken significant steps to clean up lawlessness and dysfunction within the agency.

The EPA's 2017-2018 Year in Review can be found [HERE](#). Highlights of the report include:

- In his first year, Pruitt finalized 22 deregulatory actions saving job creators and hard-working Americans more than \$1 billion in regulations costs.

- Administrator Pruitt also put an end to “sue and settle” practices within the EPA.
- Under Pruitt's leadership, the EPA also rejected the Obama Administration's new and unnecessary financial responsibility requirements for certain hardrock mining facilities.
- Pruitt also took numerous actions to benefit the environment including: eliminating seven contaminated sites and taking significant actions to clean up contaminated lands, improve water quality and ensure polluters were held accountable.

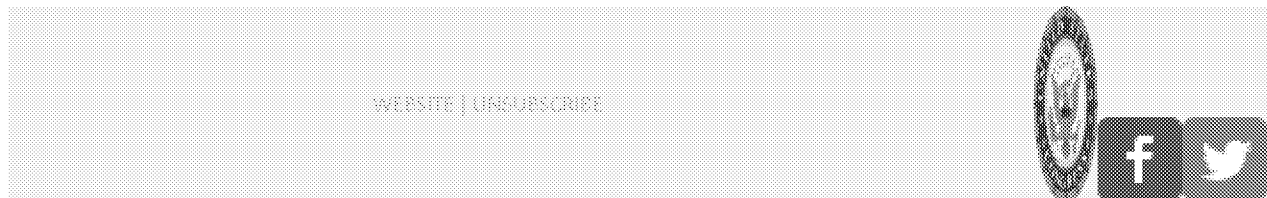
The Western Caucus also reminded those calling for the removal of Pruitt of ten major scandals involving the EPA during the Obama Administration. In the midst of those transgressions - most of which represented far greater malfeasance than any of the accusations levelled against EPA Administrator Pruitt - these same politicians and outlets largely failed to call for Obama EPA Administrators Jackson and McCarthy to be removed.

1. **“Richard Windsor (of course):** “The one, the only—Richard Windsor, a.k.a. Lisa Jackson. I mean, she corresponded exclusively in an alias. The only thing sketchier than that is what Hilary did.” Read more [here](#).
2. **“Text gate:** Here’s what we know: EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy conducted business via text and then destroyed the records of her correspondence, in blatant contravention of federal recordkeeping laws.” Read more [here](#) and [here](#).
3. **John Beale:** “John C. Beale masqueraded as a CIA agent to steal in total \$900,000 in government pay, bonuses and expenses.” “On April 30, 2013, [EPA Administrator Gina] McCarthy had cause to fire Beale, but instead elected to allow him to voluntarily retire with full benefits.” “A U.S. Senate [investigation](#) blasted McCarthy, [Beale’s] boss at the time at OAR, for not taking action for months after learning that Beale committed fraud.” Read more [here](#) and [here](#).
4. **EPA child molester:** “A child-molesting Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) official who was paid \$55,000 to retire is only one of many bad agency employees who skirted termination, according to a congressional committee. The Daily Caller [had more detail](#) on this situation, noting that this ‘convicted child molester — was on EPA’s payroll for years, even after EPA learned of his offense.” Read more [here](#).
5. **Acting Associate Administrator Peter Jutro:** “Mr. Jutro was the acting associate administrator for the EPA Office of Homeland Security, he also happens to be a serial sexual harasser. As a result of an inspector general investigation, we now know that Mr. Jutro sexually harassed at least 16 women while working at the EPA,” explained Chaffetz. “Even worse, EPA senior management was aware of his history of harassing women but continued to promote him.” Read more [here](#).
6. **WOTUS lobbying that broke the law:** “The Environmental Protection Agency engaged in ‘covert propaganda’ and violated federal law when it blitzed social media to urge the public to back an Obama administration rule intended to better protect the nation’s streams and surface waters, congressional auditors have concluded. The [ruling](#) by the Government Accountability Office, which opened its investigation after a [report](#) on the agency’s practices in The New York Times, drew a bright line for federal agencies experimenting with social media about the perils of going too far to push a cause. Federal laws prohibit agencies from engaging in lobbying and propaganda.” Read more [here](#).
7. **WOTUS rule generally:** According to a [182-page Committee Report](#), EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy shoved a terrible rule down the throats of the American people that was “rife with legal shortcuts, predetermined conclusions, and politically-driven timelines.” Amongst other flaws the EPA, “pushed the rule through on an accelerated timeline that appeared to have been

motivated by political considerations... made no effort to ensure the rule was based on sound science...pushed the rule through despite strong objections from senior Corps leadership...did not consider appropriate alternatives to the rule...did not fully consider public comments before finalizing the rule...failed to comply with various rulemaking obligations.” Read more [here](#).

8. **Flights of Obama EPA Administrators:** “Lisa Jackson, EPA director from 2009 to 2013, racked up more than \$332,000 on four overseas trips. Gina McCarthy, the chief in 2013-17, spent nearly \$630,000 on flights and security in her 10 international travels. None of which made headlines, even on the web — though their yearly average bill was a bit above Pruitt’s one-year total. Maybe Pruitt should pass on the junkets and save the taxpayers some money, but he’s not costing them any more than the Democrats who held the same job.” Read more [here](#).
9. **“Ignoring the Flint Water Crisis:** In April 2014, a state-appointed manager switched Flint’s drinking water source [to save money](#). Residents of the impoverished town soon started to complain about the new water’s color and odor: Testing showed it contained high levels of lead and other poisons in violation of the Safe Drinking Water Act. Although McCarthy’s EPA was first notified of the problem in April 2015, she did not declare a [state of emergency](#) until January 2016.” Read more [here](#).
10. **“Causing the Gold King Mine spill:** In 2015, EPA workers destroyed a plug that was holding water at the abandoned Gold King Mine in Colorado. Despite knowing the risk of a blowout (and [subsequently covering up](#) the fact they had that knowledge), the work continued at the abandoned mine until a breach unleashed three million gallons of toxic waste into the Animas River, polluting a waterway serving three Western states. While McCarthy [apologized for the disaster](#)—calling it a “tragic and unfortunate incident”—her agency [declined to accept full responsibility](#) and attempted to deflect any scrutiny from Congress and the media.” Read more [here](#).

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## NATIONAL ...

**The Federalist: Scott Pruitt Is Trump's Biggest Asset. That's Why the Left Wants Him Gone.** "After Donald Trump, the individual in DC with the biggest target on his back is Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt. When he was attorney general of Oklahoma, he sued the EPA more than a dozen times to get the powerful regulatory agency to stay within its legal authority. His nomination was deeply concerning to radical environmentalists inside and outside the media. As a result, he and his team have been under a microscope since even before his confirmation in early 2017. Well-funded environmental groups, many with former EPA staffers, deluge the agency with FOIA requests to catch someone in a scandal. Unlike how they covered Obama-era EPA administrators, media outlets constantly request information about everything Pruitt does, from his schedule to his travel particulars. Whipped-up partisans have made unprecedented numbers of death threats against him and his family. Powerful liberals opine against him."

**Red State: Why are people who are supposed to be conservative trying to torpedo Scott Pruitt?** "Pruitt is a guy we should all be lining up to defend. Under Pruitt, the EPA accepted responsibility for the disastrous spill it created at the Gold King mine in Colorado. And he committed substantial resources to the clean-up. He's prioritized the clean-up of Super Fund sites that have lingered for decades. He has taken fire and sword to the onerous regulatory strait jacket the Obama administration tried to impose on the US economy. Pruitt had begun the repeal of Obama's Clean Power Plan coal regs and the Obama-era Clean Power Plan. Under Pruitt, an executive order was issued to rescind the EPA's overreaching Waters of the United States (WOTUS) rule that often allowed the EPA to claim jurisdiction over literal mudholes."

**The Hill: EPA Chief Scott Pruitt Gets Results — That's Why He's A Target Of The Left.** "President Donald Trump is standing by his embattled Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt, according to reports. Let's be clear, that is good thing for both Trump and the country. Pruitt is one of the shining stars of the Trump administration, and no one who supports the president's "Make America Great Again" agenda should want him replaced...Yet some hope that by attacking Pruitt on fake ethics charges, the media-created scandal will cause the Trump White House to either foolishly force Pruitt out or cause him to throw up his hands in disgust and resign. This would be a disaster for President Trump and all of us who care about his success."

**The Resurgent: Firing Scott Pruitt Will Only Embolden the Left.** "Scott Pruitt is being targeted because he is effective. The President needs to stand behind Pruitt. It is an open secret in Washington that a leftwing opposition research firm has hired investigators to dig into Trump Administration officials. It is no coincidence that many of the accusations, like with former Secretary of Health and Human Services Tom Price, involve private air travel and the like. It is what these investigators focus on to give the media easy stories."

**The Daily Signal: 3 Reasons the Left Hates Scott Pruitt.** "From the Clean Power Plan, which was all about Obama's climate agenda and which had nothing to do with creating clean air (we already have laws about that), to the Waters of the United States regulation which could turn a puddle in your front yard into environmentally-protected swamp land—Pruitt has been rolling back many of the regulations put in place by Obama's overzealous, power-grabbing, and arguably unconstitutional EPA."

**The Washington Times: President Trump should stand by his man at EPA; Scott Pruitt deserves no less.** "EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt has been the most effective cabinet secretary President Trump has had during his 14-month presidency. He has loyally carried out the president's aggressive agenda against out-of-control federal regulations that stifle economic growth and kill American jobs. Pruitt has faithfully fulfilled Trump's campaign promises by rolling back Obama-era environmental overreach and halting most new regulations that were in the pipeline when he inherited the bloated agency from his predecessor, Gina McCarthy. Pruitt has spearheaded Trump's agenda with impactful moves like pulling out of the Paris climate accords, reforming CAFE standards and rolling back the obtrusive way the EPA

administered the Clean Water Act. As the man willing to attack these sacred cows of the Left Pruitt has been rewarded with legitimate and specific death threats against himself and his family.”

**The Washington Examiner: While media fixate on Scott Pruitt’s living arrangements, his EPA reforms are praiseworthy.** “Pruitt’s efforts to alleviate the regulatory burden on average Americans while working to restore sound scientific practices within the EPA arguably rank among the Trump administration’s most significant policy achievements. EPA officials quoted in the press have said Pruitt’s living arrangements did not violate ethics rules. Even if there is no technical violation, appearances matter in Washington. That’s especially true for someone who has been remarkably effective up until now in advancing the Trump administration’s efforts to free the economy from centralized planning in Washington.”

**The Daily Signal: Exclusive: EPA Chief Scott Pruitt Says Media Reports About Him Don’t Tell True Story.** “‘We had a memo and a statement from career ethics officials here that have actually reviewed the lease, that actually reviewed comps—comparables of similar units,’ Pruitt, the former attorney general of Oklahoma, told The Daily Signal. ‘And I think what’s missed in this: I didn’t rent a unit,’ Pruitt said. ‘I didn’t rent an apartment. This was an Airbnb-type situation where I rented literally one room that was used in a temporary status, until I found more permanent residence.’”

**USA Today: With President Trump in his corner, Scott Pruitt’s job at EPA looks safe – for now.** “‘Why go and replace someone who’s doing a very good job (carrying out) the president’s agenda,’ said Jason Miller, a former senior communications adviser to the Trump campaign and transition team. ‘It hasn’t gone unnoticed that Administrator Pruitt is accomplishing a lot for the president and in a much quicker time period than anyone thought possible.’”

**The Daily Caller: Conservative Pundits Rally to EPA’s Scott Pruitt as Dems Call for His Head.** “Conservative allies have come to the aid of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt as lawmakers, environmental activists and pundits call for his resignation... Wall Street Journal columnist Kimberley Strassel called the wave of anti-Pruitt stories “absurd,” pointing out that Obama EPA officials spent more on travel and that agency ethics officials approved of the administrator’s temporary living arrangement in the condo.”

**The Washington Examiner: Embattled Scott Pruitt Rips ‘Toxic’ Washington, Says Critics ‘Will Resort To Anything’ To Stop Trump Agenda.** “EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt on Tuesday forcefully pushed back against criticism that he won a short-term sweetheart rental deal from a lobbyist friend, claiming it’s just the latest attempt by his and the president’s attackers to ‘resort to anything’ to stop their agenda. ‘There are people that have long in this town done business a different way and this agency has been the poster child of it. And so do I think that because we are leading on this agenda that there are some who want to keep that from happening? Absolutely. And do I think that they will resort to anything to achieve that? Yes,’ he said in an interview with Secrets. ‘It’s toxic here in that regard,’ said Pruitt, one of a handful of President’s Trump’s agency heads who is scoring wins on his pro-jobs, anti-regulatory campaign. Pruitt, speaking confidently about his future, said that critics who have focused on his \$50 a night room rental in an Airbnb-style townhouse and his air travel are really out to stop the administration’s anti-regulatory effort that has saved \$8 billion overall and \$1 billion in reduced Environmental Protection Agency regulations.”

**CNN: EPA’s Pruitt Fulfilling Trump’s Anti-Regulatory Agenda.** “Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Scott Pruitt is drawing scrutiny for his housing situation and travel practices, but in his role as the nation’s top environmental official, he’s a reliable administration foot soldier, making good on President Donald Trump’s campaign promises for fewer environmental regulations and to withdraw from the Paris climate agreement. Since he was confirmed to the job last February, Pruitt has taken an aggressive approach to rolling back Obama-era regulations, most recently this week’s announcement that he would revise fuel efficiency rules designed to cut back on emissions of greenhouse gases. “This is another step in the President’s regulatory agenda, de-regulatory agenda ... a billion dollars in savings



with respect to over 22 significant regulatory actions that we've been involved in here at the agency," Pruitt said at EPA headquarters Tuesday."

**E&E News: Conservatives Rally Behind Pruitt.** "Conservatives are supporting U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt as he struggles with reports of premium travel, high-price security and ties to lobbyists. Myron Ebell, who led President Trump's EPA transition team, told E&E News that Pruitt has been consequential in achieving the president's goals. Pruitt has proposed repealing several Obama-era regulations, winning plaudits from free-market and business groups that have long battled with EPA. "We're getting the word out that Administrator Pruitt is doing a good job in implementing the president's agenda and Administrator Pruitt is a key part of that agenda," Ebell said. "We're trying to keep the free-market groups and the conservative groups together in support of the agenda." Ebell, director of the Competitive Enterprise Institute's Center for Energy and Environment, talked to E&E News on his way to EPA headquarters today to attend Pruitt's announcement of the rollback of Obama-era auto fuel efficiency standards. Ebell declined to speculate whether Pruitt's job is in jeopardy."

**Hot Air: Pruitt talks streamlining the agency, RFS, and "the swamp."** Administrator Pruitt does not admit to being a cryptozoological creature, nor can he confirm that he will be starring as a villain in an upcoming Marvel superhero movie. There's more about the EPA's move to only accept real science rather than secret science in their decision-making process as well as some hints at new regulatory moves on the horizon.

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**NPR: Working with Scott Pruitt. Lawyer David Rivkin worked with Pruitt and talks with NPR's David Greene.**

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## WHAT THEY ARE SAYING...

**Daily Torch: If environmental radicals are in full panic mode over Scott Pruitt at EPA, that means he is doing a good job.** "The left has spent over a decade trying to expand the influence and oversight of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), but the American people voted against this influence when they elected President Trump to prioritize economic advancement. Trump followed through on this promise by appointing Scott Pruitt as EPA Administrator. The left is now trying everything to destroy his position and defame his record, but Pruitt must power through, his job is far too important...Scott Pruitt has done his job, and he has done it well. All the left's continued attacks prove is that it is willing to dismiss facts in favor of pushing an agenda. Pruitt must continue charting the EPA's path toward a balance between environmental concerns and economic development and security, rather than be distracted by the baseless attacks from political opponents, and President Trump needs to stand behind this stalwart of his administration, who is big part of what is needed to make America great again."

**Freedom Works: Continues to support the leadership of Administrator Scott Pruitt.** "Adam Brandon: 'Scott Pruitt has worked hard to return the EPA to its core mission: protecting the environment as directed by Congress; instead of the rogue assault on the rule of law, freedom, and the economy that we saw in the prior administration.' Ken Cuccinelli: 'Unlike his predecessors, EPA Administrator Pruitt has core environmental accomplishments to his credit: like actually making progress on the long-dormant superfund sites and attacking the problem of lead in drinking water. These are basic responsibilities for the EPA, yet they were abject failures prior to Pruitt's arrival.'"

**Governor Matt Bevin (R-KY)**

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